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TRUCK PARK, ROUTE 9  
BAN DA LANG, LAOS  
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE CONSTRUCTION OF AND LATER BOMB  
DAMAGE INFLICTED UPON A TRUCK PARK NEAR BAN DA LANG, LAOS.


2. REMARKS:

ROUTE 9 IS AN IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF THE LAOTIAN ROAD NET THAT IS  
BEING USED BY NORTH VIETNAM TO TRANSSHIP PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES TO  
SOUTH VIETNAM AND SOUTHERN LAOS.


3. LOCATION:

THE TRUCK PARK IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF ROUTE 9 AT BAN DA  
LANG, 6.2 NM EAST OF SEPONE AT UTM XD427217.

4. MISSION READOUT:

 , REVEALS A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED  
ACCESS ROAD GENERALLY PARALLELING ROUTE 9 IN THE BAN DA LANG AREA.  
THE ROAD APPEARS TO BE LIGHTLY USED. AN UNOCCUPIED AW POSITION IS  
OBSERVED.

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PRE-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF   
REVEALS NUMEROUS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PARKING SLOTS ALONG THE ACCESS ROAD;  
HOWEVER, NO VEHICLES ARE OBSERVED. TWO OCCUPIED CAMOUFLAGED AW POSI-  
TIONS ARE NOTED.

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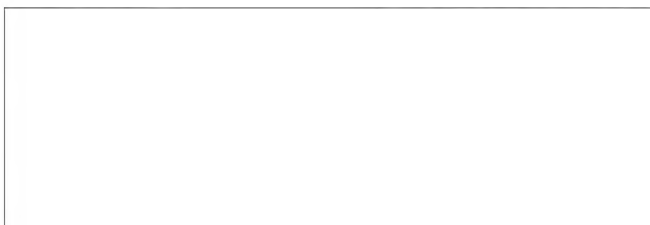
REVEALS NUMEROUS BOMB CRATERS AND HEAVY BOMB DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE AREA. AT LEAST FORTY CARGO TRUCKS (THIRTY-EIGHT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) ARE OBSERVED TO BE SEVERELY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED WITHIN THE TRUCK PARK. CARGO AND SUPPLIES ARE SCATTERED OVER THE AREA.

THE TWO PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED CAMOUFLAGED AW POSITIONS OBSERVED ON  ARE NOW UNOCCUPIED. A HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE TRUCK PARK ON ROUTE 9 (BAN DA LANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER STREAM,  IS DESTROYED, BUT IS BEING BY-PASSED.

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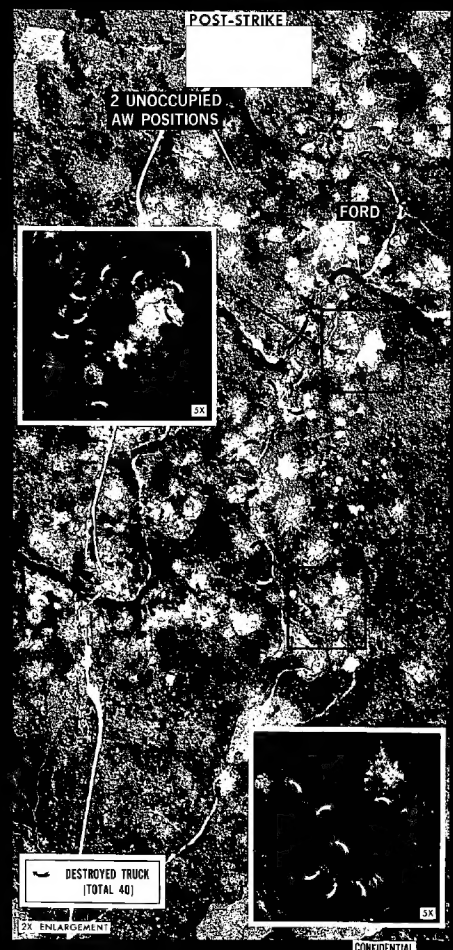
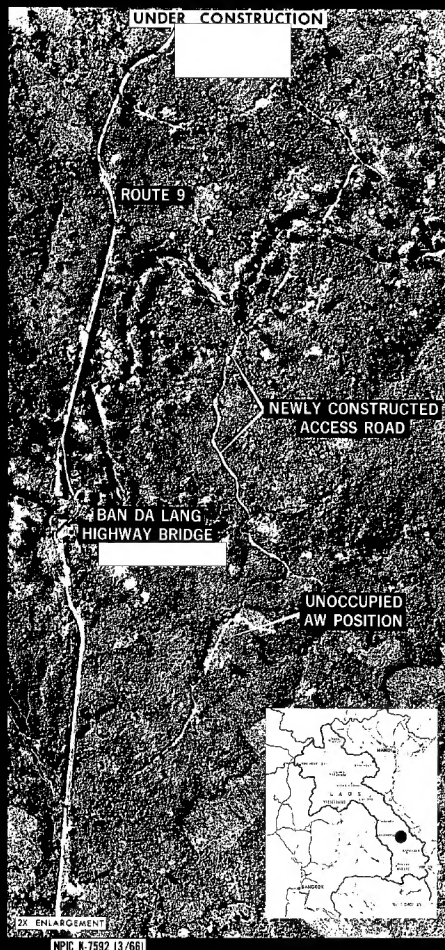
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